in the table below, which shows the ratios of the concentration of cyanotoxins in water to the swimmers' potential daily dose. These ratios have units of milligrams chemical per kilogram of body weight per milligram of chemical per liter of water. The ingestion ratios for anatoxin-a were computed using equations A.I-1, A.I-2, and A.I-3 for ingestion, dermal absorption, and inhalation, respectively, assuming that a 30.2 kg child swimming for 5 hours a day ingests 50 milliliters of water per hour and breathes one cubic meter of air per hour. For microcystins and cylindrospermopsin only equation A.I-1 was used because these chemicals are not volatile and do not penetrate the skin to any significant degree (see below). Each value in Table A.I-5 represents swimming water concentration of the chemical (set to 1 mg/L) divided by swimmer dose (mg/kg-event) shown in Table A.I-4.

Table A.I-5. Ratios of Swimming Water Concentration over Swimmer Dose (mg/L)/(mg/kg)

Chemical	Ingestion	Inhalation	Dermal	Total ^a
Microcystins	1.21 x 10 ²	None	None	1.21 x 10 ²
Cylindrospermopsin	1.21 x 10 ²	None	None	1.21 x 10 ²
Anatoxin-a	1.21 x 10 ²	1.69 x 10 ⁵	5.38 x 10 ¹	3.72 x 10 ¹

$${}^{a}\text{Total} = \frac{1}{\text{Ingestion} + \text{Inhalation} + \text{Dermal}}$$
eq. A.I-5

Health-Based Water Concentrations

The Concentration/Dose Ratios for each of the chemicals were multiplied by the corresponding RfD (in Section III) to estimate an action level, a water concentration that would theoretically expose the child swimmer to the dose identified as the maximum dose to which a person may be exposed with little to no risk of harm. The action levels are shown as micrograms (µg) per liter. A microgram is 1/1000 (0.001) of a milligram.

Table A.I-6. Cyanotoxin Action Levels for the Swimming Scenario

Chemical	RfD ^a	Concentration/Dose Ratio ^b	Action Level ^c
Units	mg/kg-d	(mg/l) per (mg/kg-d)	μg/L
Microcystins	6.4 x 10 ⁻⁶	1.21 x 10 ²	0.8
Cylindrospermopsin	3.3 x 10 ⁻⁵	1.21 x 10 ²	4
Anatoxin-a	2.5 x 10 ⁻³	3.72 x 10 ¹	90

^a The Reference Dose is the maximum dose to which a person should be exposed. The derivation is shown in the body of this document.

b These ratios are taken from the table above

^c The action level is the product of the RfD and the Concentration Dose Ratio

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